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AN ACT

REQUIRING CHILDREN ENROLLING IN ELEMENTARY OR HIGH SCHOOL TO
HAVE A DENTAL SCREENING AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.17 DENTAL SCREENING OF
CHILDREN.

1. a. Except as provided in paragraphs "c" and "d", the
parent or guardian of a child enrolled in elementary school
shall provide evidence to the school district or accredited
nonpublic elementary school in which the child is enrolled of
the child having, no earlier than three years of age but prior
to reaching six years of age, at a minimum, a dental screening
performed by a licensed physician as defined in chapter 148 or
150, a nurse licensed under chapter 152, a licensed physician
assistant as defined in section 148C.1, or a licensed dental
hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. Except as
provided in paragraphs "c" and "d", the parent or guardian of
a child enrolled in high school shall provide evidence to the
school district or accredited nonpublic high school in which
the child is enrolled of the child having, at a minimum, a
dental screening performed within the prior year by a licensed
dental hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. A
school district or accredited nonpublic school shall provide
access to a process to complete the screenings described in
this paragraph as appropriate.

b. A person performing a dental screening required by this
section shall record the fact of having conducted the
screening, and such additional information required by the
department, on uniform forms developed by the department in
cooperation with the department of education. The form shall
include a space for the person performing the screening to
summarize any condition that may indicate a need for special
services.

c. The department shall specify the procedures that
constitute a dental screening and authorize a waiver signed by
a licensed physician, nurse, physician assistant, dental
hygienist, or dentist for a person who is unduly burdened by
the screening requirement.

d. The dental screening requirement shall not apply to a
person who submits an affidavit signed by the person or, if
the person is a minor, the person's parent or legal guardian,
stating that the dental screening conflicts with a genuine and
sincere religious belief.

2. Each public and nonpublic school shall give notice of
the dental screening requirement to parents of students
enrolled or to be enrolled in the school at least ninety days
before the start of the school year in the manner prescribed
by the department.

3. A person may be provisionally enrolled in a public or
nonpublic elementary or high school if the person is in the
process of obtaining the required dental screening.

4. Each local board shall furnish the department, within
sixty days after the start of the school year, evidence that
each person enrolled in any public or nonpublic school within
the local board's jurisdiction has met the dental screening
requirement in this section.

5. The department shall adopt rules to administer this
section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1,
2008.

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House

JOHN P. KIBBIE

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 906, Eighty-second General Assembly.

MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2007

CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor